

with a driven amount of the projection optical system by said imagery characteristic correction mechanism; and

a correction mechanism connected to the error detector to correct the projection error.

37. (New) The projection exposure apparatus of claim 36, wherein the detector comprises a memory to store a relation between the driven amount the projection optical system and the projection error of the pattern.

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38. (New) The projection exposure apparatus of claim 36, wherein the imagery characteristic correction mechanism comprises a plurality of actuators to drive at least part of the projection optical system.

39. (New) The projection exposure apparatus of claim 36, wherein the projection optical system comprises a first lens element and a second lens element, the imagery characteristic correction mechanism having a first drive to drive the first lens element and a second drive to drive the second lens element.

40. (New) The projection exposure apparatus of claim 36, wherein the projection exposure apparatus is a scanning type projection exposure apparatus.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 32-40 are present in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13-31 have been canceled, and claims 32-40 have been added.

A prompt and favorable examination is requested.

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